

# News to Share

## Henry County Retired Teachers Association O.R.T.A. Chapter Since 1968

HCRTA Meets on the Second Monday of March, May, July, September, November, and December at Oberhaus Park, Napoleon, Ohio

Website: [henrycountyrta.weebly.com](http://henrycountyrta.weebly.com)

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### Mission Statement

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association continues its mission of encouraging scholarship, fostering volunteerism, providing an informed voice for retired teachers on issues relevant to their well-being, and presenting significant information in a congenial social setting.

### Vision Statement

Within five years, HCRTA will move to a position among the top five chapters in Ohio, as it builds upon its legacy of encouraging scholarship, fostering volunteerism, promoting and protecting retiree interests, supporting advancement of public education in Ohio, developing a proactive membership.

### Next Meeting – December 11, 2017 at 2:00pm

LOCATION - Oberhaus Park in Napoleon.

PROGRAM - “Nostalgia” a Henry County/Fulton County vocal group headed by our own Garry Cline will perform for us. They are part of the Henry County Chorale.

MENU – Our caterer is providing a variety of appetizers and several desserts as well as drinks. We hope to see you there!



### Meal Reservations

Remember that meal costs are \$13.00 per person. We do have to guarantee the count to the caterer so if you make a reservation and then do not attend we still must pay for the meal that was ordered and delivered. That means that you need to either send the \$13.00 or have another member take your reservation. Charlotte Shrider handles reservations through a group of callers who email or phone 10 people each. We need to have your reservation back to your normal caller **by December 4th**, or contact her directly (419-599-1356) if you cannot reach your caller. Thank you.

**Special Meeting Time: 2:00pm – This meeting ONLY!**

### December 11<sup>th</sup> - Meeting Volunteers

Volunteers are needed. If you can help, call Charlotte. 419-599-1356

Set Up (Doors unlocked at 1:10pm)		Hostess Committee	
Becky Schindler	<b>Help needed!</b>	Karen Maassel	Charlotte Shrider
Duane Ressler	<b>Help needed!</b>		

Volunteers are needed after the meeting to put away tables and chairs.

### New Members

We have two new members who have joined. Please introduce yourself and welcome them at the next meeting! Add their information into your copy of the HCRTA member directory.

Vicki Gramling  
107 Flory Lane, Archbold 43502  
Home-419-445-3076 Cell-none  
Retired from Liberty Center Schools 2014

Charles Klamer  
1525 Thershan Dr., Napoleon 43545  
Home-419-717-9590 Cell-330-647-0215  
Retired from Garfield Schools 2013

**Merry Christmas**

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Stephen Seagrave, editor & Terry Witt, assistant editor



## Henry County Retired Teachers Association Secretary's Report – November 13, 2017

The Henry County Retired Teachers Association meeting for November was called to order by President Charlotte Shrider. Following recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, President Shrider recognized guests Vicki Gramling, Sue Hurst, Vicki Hesterman and Chuck Klamer. She thanked Carol Agler, Linda Wagner, Diane Meyer and Pam Schwiebert for set-up today and Renee Weaver, Sandy Honemann and Bev Wittes for being the hostess committee. A prayer before the meal was given by Renee, Sandy and Bev. In honor of our guest speakers, the Medicine Girls, tables were dismissed to the meal by means of putting into order various medical procedures by the year when they were first performed. A turkey meal with traditional sides was enjoyed by all.

After the meal, President Shrider introduced the speakers, the Medicine Girls. These two sisters, Jeanne Caryer and Susan Wiesehan, took us on a journey into the past, with a look at the history of medicine, home cures and medical care received by early settlers in the Black Swamp. Far removed from the methods of medicine we see today, these early settlers relied mainly on the mother of the household for most treatments of illness or accidents. These women in turn relied on home remedies handed down from generation to generation. Medicine shows hawked various "cures" for any ailment. Doctors were not well trained and the ingredients in many medicines then routinely prescribed we now know were toxic or addictive.

The ladies had many examples of vintage medicine bottles and other memorabilia on display. It was a very interesting look back at what those early settlers endured in order to settle the Great Black Swamp.

The business meeting was then called to order. The secretary and treasurer's reports were approved as presented in the newsletter.

### Committee Reports:

**Courtesy:** Concerns were noted for members Linda Gill, Rollie Rettig, Becky Schindler and Rosemary Pfau. Treva Stevens was sent condolences on the loss of her son. Don Bright had eye surgery.

**Legislative:** Becky Schindler was not able to attend today, but sent a report with Charlotte concerning financial issues.

**Membership:** Nan Bretz again welcomed the visitors present today.

**Community Service:** Tom Jenny had as usual placed volunteer hour tally sheets at each table. He also distributed information on upcoming programs to be presented by the Henry County Historical Society, "A Henry County Christmas 2017".

**Dictionary Project:** Gene Grime reported that the dictionaries for this year have been delivered and he has begun to receive thank you notes from the teachers and their students. He had some examples on display today.

**Webmaster/Newsletter:** Steve Seagrave noted an error correction made on the website concerning the time of next month's meeting. He has experienced some problems with email as of late, so let him know if you have problems getting the newsletter or getting in touch with him. Also, let him know of any changes in your email address.

**New Business:** Margaret Mueller moved, seconded by Margaret Sutton, that the group continue in the new year with Marc Matheny as our caterer. APPROVED

Greg Merrill reported for the Retirement Planning Committee: Steve Seagrave and Jan Schlade, members of the committee, met with Greg and together they have decided to take the committee in a different direction. They are planning on creating a newsletter to send to the schools in the area, to give active teachers an insight into HCRTA, who we are and all of the things that we do. They are planning on a March date for the first issue of this newsletter.

Jane Hibbard was congratulated for receiving the Distinguished Service Award at Four County's Hall of Fame ceremony.

President Shrider reminded members that the next meeting will be an afternoon time, 2:00 P.M., on Monday, December 11, 2017. Various appetizers and desserts will be served and we will be entertained by the musical group Nostalgia.

LeAnn Hall won the 50/50 drawing for the day.

The meeting was adjourned with a motion by Nancy Hoover, seconded by Terri Witt.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Bev Wittes, HCRTA Secretary

## **CONTACT INFORMATION UPDATES**

If your address, phone, or email changes please be sure to notify our membership chairperson, Nan Bretz, and the newsletter editor, Steve Seagrave so we can be sure the directory gets updated and you get association meeting and program information.

Nan - [nanbretz@hotmail.com](mailto:nanbretz@hotmail.com)

Steve - [sseagrave@roadrunner.com](mailto:sseagrave@roadrunner.com)



## **From the President's Pen – Charlotte Shrider**

What a wonderful turn out for our November meeting! The Black Swamp Medicine Women were very informative and entertaining. I am certainly glad I did not live in the 1880's. I'm sure I would have been a candidate for some of those calming treatments where they wrapped you up like a mummy!



I am sure you are deep into Holiday preparations by now. As of this writing I am almost done with my shopping! I've gotten so much better at planning ahead the last few years and have avoided the last minute panic and over spending. Now I take my time and overspend at a more leisurely pace! Enjoy your time with family this season and have a warm and safe January and February. I'll look forward to seeing you all in 2018 for more interesting speakers, good food and great company.

Charlotte

## **ANNUAL DUES ARE DUE!**

Our treasurer, Duane Ressler, would like to remind you that annual dues for 2018 can be paid at this time at the December meeting or mailed to him at 1124 Clairmont Avenue, Napoleon, Ohio 43545.

**HCRTA \$15** – Daniel Baer, Becky Chamberlin, Deb Feehan, Cheri Goertz, Leigh Anne Kraft, Kevin Milius, Janis Miller, Shirlee Mires-Fejes, Mary Jane Myrice, Bev Philips, Pam Schwiebert;

**ORTA \$30** – The following members are annual dues payers to ORTA. Dues must be paid directly to the OHIO RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION. You may mail a check to ORTA, 8050 N. High St. Suite 190, Columbus OH 43235-6488. Or you can access renewals online at [www.orta.org](http://www.orta.org) You may pay by credit card or check on line.

Nancy Baldwin, Becky Chamberlin, Carl Dettmer, Deb Feehan, Neil Flick, David Follett, Kim Gineman, Cheri Goertz, Deb Guelde, Phyllis Hesterman, Jan Hockman, Leigh Anne Kraft, Larry Lyne, Gregg Merrill, Diane Meyer, Sue Meyer, Kevin Milius, Shirlee Mire-Fejes, Carolyn Plassman, Kay Rohrs, Teresa Rohrs, Judy Rosebrook, Bruce Schlosser, Pam Schwiebert, Nancy Schink, Lawrence Sicclair, Lynette Tietje, Mary Ann Wade, Barb Walker;

## **DO NOT CALL LIST - RESERVATIONS**

If you are on the "Do Not Call List" but plan to attend the next HCRTA meeting you can phone your reservation to Charlotte Shrider at 419-599-1356 or email her at [cshridr1@roadrunner.com](mailto:cshridr1@roadrunner.com)

## **Send a Friend a Note of Good Cheer!**

Doris Ruby, 1036 S. Perry Street, Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Charles Hemsoth, Box 36, Malinta, OH 43535

Martha Alspaugh, 140 W. North St., McClure, Ohio 43534

Jackie Sautter, Fairlawn Haven, Room 114, East Lutz Road, Archbold, Ohio 43502

Martha Potter, BG Health Care Center, 850 W Poe Rd, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Dolores Zachrich, 1036 S. Perry Street, Lutheran Home, Napoleon, Ohio 43545

Barbara Schnabele, 415 N. Oak, Deshler, Ohio 43516

John Miller, Fair Haven Nursing Home (Room 186), 407 E Lutz Road, Archbold, OH 43502

*If you know of updates needed to this list contact Sandy Honemann or Marlene Jones.*



# HENRY COUNTY RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

Report for December 2017		Duane Ressler, Treasurer		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Transaction</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Oct. 20		balance brought forward		<b>\$3,800.23</b>
Oct. 31	deposit	interest earned	\$0.09	\$3,800.32
Nov. 1	ck. 1301 City of Napoleon	rental of shelterhouse	(\$80.00)	\$3,720.32
Nov. 14	deposit	meeting receipts	\$757.50	\$4,477.82
Nov. 14	ck. 1304 AKA Designs LTD	meals for meeting	(\$605.00)	\$3,872.82
Nov. 20	ck. 1303	speaker at meeting	(\$100.00)	\$3,772.82
Nov. 22	deposit		\$65.00	\$3,837.82
Nov. 25		<b>ending balance</b>		<b>\$3,837.82</b>
	<i>CD Henry County Bank</i>			\$1,292.65
	<b>GRAND TOTAL-ALL ACCOUNTS</b>			<b>\$5,130.47</b>



Be aware that scams are an ever-present aspect of our society these days and learn how to avoid being taken by people out to rob you of your savings. The Ohio Attorney General has an excellent brochure you can use to educate and protect yourself and loved ones. Here are some of the types of scams to watch out for.

- Computer Repair Scam
- Fake Check Scam
- Imposter Scam
- Grandparent Scam
- Phishing and Spoofing Scam
- Romance Scam
- Sweepstakes Scam
- Home Improvement Scam
- Phony Charity Scam

## TIPS for AVOIDING SCAMS

### ALWAYS:

- Be skeptical when someone requests immediate payment via wire-transfer, prepaid money card, or gift card.
- Look into businesses through the Ohio Attorney General's Office and the Better Business Bureau.
- Beware of strangers who seek new, quick, personal connections with you or a loved one.
- Research charities through the Ohio Attorney General's Office.
- Keep your personal information private and shred documents containing such information.

### NEVER:

- Send money via wire-transfer, prepaid money card, or gift card to a stranger.
- Give personal information to someone who has contacted you unexpectedly.
- Carry unnecessary personal information, such as your Social Security card or Medicare card, in your wallet or purse.
- Pay to win a prize or sweepstakes.
- Allow someone "remote access" to your computer.
- Pay the full amount upfront before any work has been done.

For more information or to report a scam you can go to the Attorney General web site below or phone the Attorney General's Help Center at 1-800-282-0515. <http://www.ohioattorneygeneral.gov>



**DONATION OPPORTUNITY**

We would like to give those of you that can't attend meetings the chance to contribute to our chapter's causes. This year we are again helping to support *Together We Can Make a Difference*. Together we can make a difference assists people of all ages in Northwest Ohio with basic needs and resources that are not available with any government assistance programs. With your help we could really add support to this great organization. Remember your gifts are tax deductible. Members who do attend regularly might also want to consider writing a check to simplify things and to have a record of your giving. Please send your check to Duane Ressler. Thanks for considering these worthwhile projects!

Enclosed is a check for my donation made out to this organization.

\_\_\_\_\_ Together We Can Make a Difference: \$\_\_\_\_\_

**Duane Ressler**  
 HCRTA Treasurer  
 1124 Clairmont Avenue  
 Napoleon, Ohio 43545

**Birthday List**

Dec. 13	Seagrave, Stephen	Feb. 09	Hoover, Nancy
Dec. 13	Shrider, Charlotte Anne	Feb. 12	Hockman, Jan *
Dec. 19	Tietje, Lynette Kay	Feb. 12	Rohrs, Teresa L
Dec. 20	Sasaki, Bonnie	Feb. 15	Curtis, Beverly
Dec. 20	Short, Wayne	Feb. 15	Feehan, Deb
Dec. 24	Rausch, Anne	Feb. 15	Honemann, Sandra R
Jan. 03	Grant, Rita R *	Feb. 15	Mohr, Sue A *
Jan. 06	Snider, Jim *	Feb. 17	Buehrer, Donna L
Jan. 08	Sasaki, Larry	Feb. 18	Hall, LeAnn
Jan. 09	Vocke, Lawrence	Feb. 18	Northcutt, Heather S *
Jan. 10	Stein, Karen	Feb. 23	Anderson, Morten *
Jan. 10	Titgemeyer, Dora W	Feb. 23	Benedict, Joyce E *
Jan. 11	Fetterman, Max	Feb. 23	Hurst, Faith
Jan. 15	Frederick, Janet E *	Feb. 23	Kern, Thomas
Jan. 15	Meyer, Charles H	Feb. 28	Bright, Don
Jan. 18	Follett, David	Feb. 28	Zachrich Dolores *
Jan. 19	Walker, Barb	Mar. 01	Joseph, Robert **
Jan. 23	Schindler, Becky	Mar. 02	Milius, Kevin
Jan. 24	Pamela S.Schwiebert	Mar. 03	Steed, Joan
Jan. 24	Neuenschwander, Charlene *	Mar. 03	Warnimont, Bev
Jan. 26	Behnfeldt, Peg *	Mar. 06	Miller, John J *
Jan. 30	Hesterman, Phyllis	Mar. 10	Baldwin, Richard Neil
Feb. 03	Dettmer, Carl *	Mar. 12	Maassel, Karen
Feb. 06	Ruby, Doris	Mar. 13	Behrman, Walter
		Mar. 13	Guelde, Deb



**HCRTA Web Site**

Below is our HCRTA web site. Check there for information and links.

<http://henrycountyrta.weebly.com/>



November speakers "Black Swamp Medicine Girls" shared pioneer and early American medical practices and instruments at our meeting. It was quite interesting!

**VOLUNTEER HOURS** – Be sure to bring information on the community volunteer hours you have done and fill out the information form for our coordinator, Tom Jenny. Thank you!

## HCRT FOUNDATION – Donation Form

The Foundation solicits, receives, and invests gifts of money and property of every kind. Members are encouraged to promote memorial and honorary gifts to the Foundation. Gifts to the HCRT Foundation are tax deductible.

NOTE: Gifts to the Foundation may ONLY be used for our book grants and associated costs such as postage, etc. They may NOT be used for regular HCRTA expenses or programs.

### **The HCRT Foundation is a 501C3 organization.**

I would like to help a future teacher by donating to the Book Grant program of the Henry County Retired Teachers Association.

Send donations to Gene Grime, HCRT Foundation Treasurer, 92 Old Creek Drive, Napoleon, OH 43545.)

My donation preference is:

Lois Griffith Book Grant

Roger King Book Grant

Margaret & Lucille Sherman Book Grant

Karen Brubaker Book Grant

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